

CROYDON PHILATELIC SOCIETY

NOTES OF THE MEETING 22.04.2014:



As this was the President's evening, the Vice-President Paul Elliot opened the meeting attended by 23 members and invited the **President, Brian Asquith**, to present his display on **CONCORDE**.

Beginning with the 'Agreement regarding the Development and Production of a Civil Supersonic Transport Aircraft' signed on 29th November 1962, Brian showed material through to the crash in Paris in 2000.

Apparently the 'e' on Concorde was placed there by the Minister of Technology 1966-1970, Tony Benn, to stand for **Excellence, England and the Entente Cordiale**.

Brian showed the stamps produced by Royal Mail along with many varieties such as colour shifts and forgeries. The range of material was extensive including Presentation packs in English and German, meter marks, cards, car stickers, aerogrammes and a variety of covers, many of them signed by the aircrew who flew the planes.

Part of the display was of Brian's personal involvement with the Concorde Pilot Edouard Chemel which added a personal touch.

A vast array of interesting material enabled Brian to tell the story of one of the great engineering feats of the 20th century. It was much enjoyed by those present and the meeting closed at 21.45 hours.

Graham Harker, Honorary Assistant Secretary,
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